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Testomony on SB245 to Senate Fish and Game Committee

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I thank Sen Kary for bringing sponsoring and bringing this bill forward.

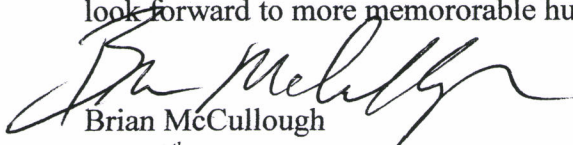
I support SB 245 because

In hunting districts where elk exceed sustainable levels it is good for the environment of both public and private land to have the animals moved around during the winter months so they do not over graze the habitat.

Since over 75,000 elk licenses go unfilled every year there are plenty of hunters who would be glad to have the opportunity to try and harvest an elk during these late hunts that will provide increased hunter opportunity and hunter access.

With late cow elk hunters out in rural Montana during the winter the small businesses in rural Montana will benefit in having these late hunts reinstated by this law.

I periodically participated in these late hunts from the mid 1960s thru 2005 and with the passage of this bill I look forward to participating in these hunts again as part of the hunting culture in Montana and look forward to more memororable hunting experiences during these late cow elk hunts.



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